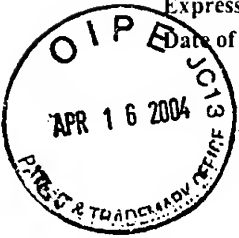


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

The following papers are enclosed herewith for filing in the above-identified application:

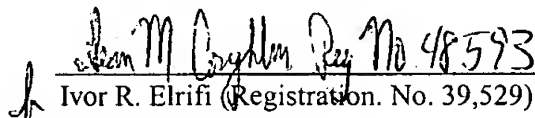
Petition for Extension of Time (1 pg., in duplicate);
Check No. 18487 in the amount of \$475.00 to cover a three-month extension;
and
Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 617/542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

If any additional fees are to be assessed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the balance due to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-554 CON-S14 (Cura-54 CON-S14). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 16, 2004


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the October 16, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the case is pending until April 16, 2004. Applicants are filing a continuation application of the above-referenced application.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 15966-554 CON S-14) (Cura 54 CON S14). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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